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TAGS: PARM, CCD
SUBJECT: CCD: WRAP UP AND ASSESSMENT OF 1978 SUMMER
SESSION

1. BEGIN SUMMARY. THE 1978 SUMMER SESSION OF THE CONFER-
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ENCE OF THE COMMITTEE ON DISARMAMENT OPENED ON JULY 10 AND
CLOSED ON AUGUST 31. DURING THAT PERIOD, PLENARY DEBATE
IN THE CCD CONSISTED LARGELY OF ASSESSMENTS OF THE SSOD
OUTCOME, REITERATIONS OF KNOWN NATIONAL POSITIONS ON ARMS
CONTROL AND DISARMAMENT ISSUES, AND EXPRESSIONS OF DISSAT-
ISFACTION WITH PROGRESS ON CTB AND CW. QUESTIONS CONCERN-
ING THE "NATURE" OF THE CD AROSE OCCASIONALLY, WHILE THE

SELECTION OF ADDITIONAL MEMBERS REMAINED THE DOMINANT CORRIDOR TOPIC. END SUMMARY.

2. EVERY DELEGATION TO THE CCD MADE REFERENCE TO THE SSOD, WITH MOST DELEGATIONS CHARACTERIZING ITS OUTCOME AS GENERALLY OR MODERATELY POSITIVE AND MANY EXPRESSING MILD SURPRISE THAT CONSENSUS WAS ACHIEVED ON THE FINAL DOCUMENT. THE CONCLUSION OF THE SSOD ONLY TEN DAYS BEFORE THE OPENING OF THE CCD SUMMER SESSION RESULTED, PREDICTABLY, IN THE ABSENCE OF MAJOR NEW INITIATIVES DURING THIS SESSION. MOST DELEGATIONS WERE CONTENT TO CALL TO THE ATTENTION OF THE CCD THOSE PORTIONS OF THE SSOD FINAL DOCUMENT THEY THOUGHT PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT AND TO THEIR OWN PROPOSALS WHICH HAD NOT BEEN ADOPTED BY THE SSOD. ONE IMMEDIATE IMPACT OF THE SSOD ON THE WORK OF THE CCD WAS THE AGREEMENT IN NEW YORK THAT THE ELABORATION OF A COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAM OF DISARMAMENT WOULD BE ENTRUSTED TO THE CD, THEREBY ELIMINATING A MAJOR CCD AGENDA ITEM.

3. THE CCD WITNESSED A REITERATION OF NATIONAL POSITIONS BY MOST DELEGATIONS, WITH NO MAJOR SURPRISES AND ONLY A FEW NEW WRINKLES. THE "NEUTRON BOMB" ISSUE WAS RAISED BY THE SOVIET UNION AND ITS ALLIES, BOTH IN THE COURSE OF PLENARY STATEMENTS AND MDW INFORMALS. THE VARIOUS STATEMENTS ON ERW WERE SOMEWHAT LESS STRIDENT AND POLEMICAL IN TONE THAN THOSE MADE DURING THE 1978 SPRING SESSION; THEIR IMPACT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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APPEARED TO BE REDUCED BY A GROWING AWARENESS THAT TACTICAL NUCLEAR WEAPONS SHOULD BE CONSIDERED IN RELATION TO THE OVERALL SECURITY SITUATION IN CENTRAL EUROPE. ONLY THE WARSAW PACT DELEGATIONS (MINUS ROMANIA) PARTICIPATED ACTIVELY IN THE MDW INFORMALS. OTHER DELEGATIONS PERCEIVED THE MDW INFORMALS AS A RITUAL WHICH HAD TO BE ENDURED; CERTAIN PRESENTATIONS, SUCH AS THAT DEALING WITH INFRASOUND, WERE GREETED WITH BARELY DISGUISED DISDAIN BY THE WESTERN AND MOST NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES.

4. GROWING IMPATIENCE WITH A PERCEIVED LACK OF PROGRESS ON CTB AND CW WAS VOICED REPEATEDLY DURING THE SUMMER SESSION. IN RESPONSE TO REPORTS ON THE STATUS OF EACH NEGOTIATION, THE GROUP OF FIFTEEN EXPRESSED DEEP CONCERN AND DISAPPOINTMENT AT LACK OF TANGIBLE RESULTS IN CTB AND CW NEGOTIATIONS, CALLED FOR PRESENTATION TO CCD/CD OF THOSE PORTIONS OF A JOINT INITIATIVE WHICH HAD BEEN AGREED, AND ASSERTED THAT ALL MEMBERS OF THE CCD SHOULD PARTICIPATE ON AN EQUAL FOOTING IN THE RESOLUTION OF OUTSTANDING ISSUES. THE GROUP OF FIFTEEN WAS JOINED BY JAPAN, ITALY, AND THE NETHERLANDS, WHO CALLED FOR THE CCD/CD TO COMMENCE ELABORATION OF A CW CONVENTION WITHOUT WAITING FOR THE US-USSR NEGOTIATIONS TO

PRODUCE A COMPLETE JOINT INITIATIVE.

5. THE ISSUE OF THE RELATIONSHIP OF THE CCD TO THE CD AND "NATURE" OF THE LATTER BODY SURFACED IN A MINOR DEBATE BETWEEN THE SOV AND ROMANIAN REPS, AGAIN DURING AN UNSUCCESSFUL INDIAN ATTEMPT TO CIRCUMSCRIBE THE WORK OF THE AD HOC SEISMIC EXPERTS GROUP, AND ONCE AGAIN IN THE QUESTION AS TO WHETHER A "LAME DUCK" CCD SHOULD CONSIDER A TRILATERAL CTB INITIATIVE. THE LATTER QUESTION WAS ANSWERED UNEQUIVOCALLY BY THE GROUP OF FIFTEEN IN THE LAST PLENARY OF THE SUMMER SESSION WHEN THE GROUP'S SPOKESMAN, GARCIA ROBLES, STATED THAT PRESENTATION OF A CTB DRAFT BEFORE THE END OF 1978

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WOULD JUSTIFY IMMEDIATE RECONVENING OF CCD. THIS VIEW WAS
SUPPORTED BY CONSENSUS WHEN CCD, AT SUGGESTION OF SWEDISH
DEL, RECONFIRMED ITS WILLINGNESS TO MEET AGAIN PRIOR TO
THE END OF THIS YEAR TO CONSIDER PRIORITY ITEMS ON ITS
AGENDA. VANDEN HEUVEL

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